

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

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Whereas, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has public health implications for every community member of Centre County; and

Whereas, Rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impact our community as seen by statistics indicating that one in five women will have experienced sexual assault by the time they complete college; and

Whereas, We must work together to educate our community about what can be done to prevent sexual assault and how to support survivors; and

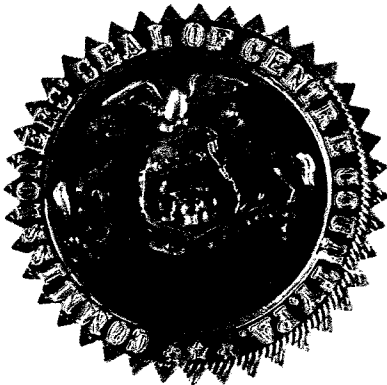
Whereas, Staff and volunteers at the Centre County Women's Resource Center encourage every person to speak out when witnessing acts of violence however small; and

Whereas, With leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence in Centre County through prevention education, increased awareness, and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions; and

Whereas, the Centre County Commissioners strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts, including conversations about what sexual violence is, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address sexual violence.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Centre County Commissioners do hereby proclaim April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month!"

ADOPTED this 10th day of April, 2012.



ATTEST:

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